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## CANTORIAL FEATURE SATURDAY

During the Musaf service this Saturday, Cantor Konigsberg will introduce a new melody for the "Sim Shalom" prayer. This melody was composed by Nulman and arranged by Cantor Konigsberg himself.

## SABBATH SEUDAH-SEMINAR

### MAKES AUSPICIOUS DEBUT

We tried out something new last Saturday afternoon at Kehilath Jeshurun of which we can be proud. A fine turnout of over 70 men and women braved the rain to attend our opening Sabbath Seudah-Seminar and it turned out to be a highly successful program.

The Seminar began with the Mincha service in the Chapel and then continued in the Social Hall where light refreshments were served. Rabbi Lookstein in introducing the second phase of the program congratulated those present for having come in spite of the inclement weather. He pointed out that this Seminar represented the continuation of an old tradition, the Shalosh Seudos, which played a very important role in Jewish life.

After Z'miros the program was turned over to Rabbi Sol Roth, who acted as moderator. The two discussion leaders this week were Mr. Ira F. Weisman and Mr. Moses Schonfeld.

Mr. Weisman selected as his theme the incident in this week's Bible portion, where Abraham purchased land for a burial place. Calling this the first business transaction described in the Bible he applied it to our present day issues of ownership of property, capitalism and democracy. Mr. Schonfeld chose the theme of love and marriage basing it on the Biblical narrative describing how a wife was selected for the patriarch Isaac.

At the conclusion of the discussion the group returned to the Chapel, where the Seminar was brought to a conclusion with the Ma'ariv and Havdalah service.

Last Saturday was only the beginning. However, the turnout, the speakers and the warm mood made it an excellent beginning. We look forward to the Seminar becoming a very important and highly rewarding activity on our Kehilath Jeshurun agenda.

Our discussion leaders this Saturday will be Mr. Philip A. Brenner and Mr. Martin Markson.

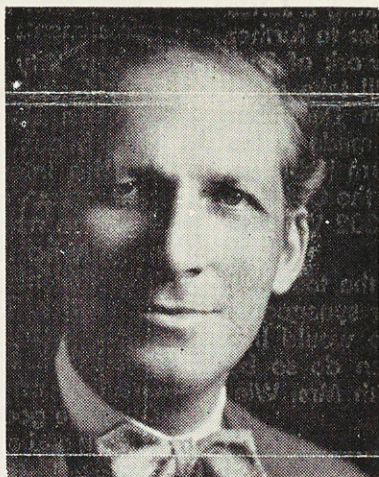
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## KEHILATH JESHURUN ADULT INSTITUTE

Beginning this Wednesday Evening, December 1, 1954

### FIRST LECTURE FORUM

(From 9 to 10 o'clock)



**PROF. A. W. BINDER**

Noted Composer and Teacher Will Lecture on

### "THE JEW AND THE MUSICAL ARTS"

Vocal Demonstrations Will be Given by  
RUTH KOBART, Mezzo-Soprano of Concert-Radio-TV Opera

### SCHEDULE OF WEDNESDAY STUDY COURSES

(From 8 to 9 o'clock)

American Jewish History  
Choral Workshop

Hebrew I

Hebrew II  
Talmud Course

**Rabbi Lookstein will preach this Sabbath at 11:00 a.m.**

### "ISAAC BLESSES HIS SONS"

**What Can Modern Parents Learn From it?**



## SISTERHOOD DONOR LUNCHEON TO OBSERVE EIGHTEENTH ANNIVERSARY ON JANUARY 18

### Mrs. A. Phillip Goldsmith Again Appointed Chairman

Mrs. Hyman Abrams, Sisterhood President, announced that Mrs. A. Phillip Goldsmith, has again been appointed chairman of the Sisterhood Annual Donor Luncheon which this year will be held on Tuesday afternoon, January 18, 1955. This luncheon will celebrate the Sisterhood's eighteenth anniversary and will be held in the Social Hall of our Synagogue House.

Mrs. Goldsmith did a magnificent job in making last year's Donor Luncheon a remarkable affair. Under her able chairmanship we again look forward to a luncheon that will mark the highlight of the Sisterhood activity year.

This beautiful luncheon merits the support of all and we strongly urge that not only Sisterhood members, but friends and members of the Congregation, who for one reason or other are not in the Sisterhood, reserve this date and plan to attend.

#### New Member —

We welcome Mrs. Rachel Swisgold into our Sisterhood membership and we would like to take this opportunity to wish her many happy years with us.

#### Open Meeting Again Has Successful Program —

A fine turnout of Sisterhood members and friends attended the open luncheon meeting this past Monday, November 22nd, in the Social Hall. A fine dessert luncheon was served and afterwards we had as guest

speaker, Mrs. Richard M. Stewart of the New York Horticultural Society. Mrs. Stewart's topic was "Accent on Houseplants", and in her talk she spoke of the care and arrangement of houseplants and how they can best be featured in the home. Her talk held the complete interest of those present and many came away with new ideas on how to incorporate plants in their home decorations. Mr. Stewart's lecture was illustrated with slides.

#### Happy Day Fund —

We acknowledge with thanks contributions to our Happy Day Fund from Mrs. George Jacobs, Mrs. William Lebowitz and Mrs. Abraham Wiener.

### SISTERHOOD TO MAKE FEDERATION TOUR

Mrs. Abraham Wiener, Sisterhood Federation Chairman, announced that the Sisterhood is undertaking a series of Federation tours in order to further acquaint itself with the work of Federation. The first tour will take place on Wednesday afternoon December 1st when a visit will be made to the Home for Aged and Infirm Hebrews, 121 W. 105th Street and the Old Age Apartment Residence at 302 W. 87th Street.

Those participating in the tour will meet at 1:30 p.m. at our synagogue. If there are readers who would like to join this tour they can do so by making arrangements with Mrs. Wiener, UN 5-0870.

### LITURGICAL PROCEDURES CLASS TO BEGIN DECEMBER 4

Our class in Liturgical Procedures will begin meeting a week from Saturday on December 4th. The class will be given one-half hour before Mincha. The instructor is Mr. Haskel Lookstein.

### YOUR CEMETERY NEEDS

Last week we wrote to all our members requesting information concerning their cemetery requirements. While most of our members have replied, there are still many who have not done so. The reply cards are very simple to fill out and we urge that you return them as soon as possible.

### JUNIOR CONGREGATION TO HOLD THANKSGIVING PARTY

In honor of Thanksgiving our Junior Congregation will hold a special party this Saturday morning. Immediately after the services unusual tasty refreshments will be served.

Over fifty boys and girls have attended services on each of the three Sabbaths since the Junior Congregation began. We are very happy to see this interest on the part of our youngsters. However, we feel that there are many boys and girls in the neighborhood who can and should take advantage of this special Junior service. The Junior Congregation meets every Saturday morning at 10:30 A.M. in the Chapel. Under the direction of Manfred Rechtschaffen, there is a good deal of congregational singing and a wonderful story-sermon.

Elected officers conduct the service and sermonettes are delivered by members of the Junior Congregation. We would like to extend our heartiest congratulations to George Baumgarten and Naomi Lebowitz for their very fine sermonettes.

We are happy to announce that this week all the children will be wearing brand new Junior Taleisim that have been made especially to fit them. Another special announcement is that prizes for attendance will be awarded at the end of December instead of, as in the past, at the end of the season.

We urge all our members and friends to send their sons and daughters up to the age of Bar Mitzvah to our Junior Congregation service.

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#### SABBATH SEUDAH-SEMINAR

This Saturday Afternoon, November 27th  
at 4:00 p.m.

Services in the Chapel  
Bible Discussion in the Social Hall  
Refreshments and Z'Miros

This Week our Discussion Leaders are  
**PHILIP A. BRENNER and MARTIN MARKSON**

Moderator: RABBI SOL ROTH

Women are Cordially Invited



**"THE FLOWERING PEACH" GETS GOOD REVIEW****(From the Wilmington Morning News)**

"The Flowering Peach" shows definite promise of being one of the better offerings of the season.

"It is the warm and human treatment of the story of Noah, his building of the Ark and the 40 days he and his family spent on it.

"Menasha Skulnik wears modern dress; he talks in the contemporary idiom; he enjoys being boss. Yet one feels the deeply religious content of

his response to the cosmic music through which he communicates with his God; one is responsive to his stubborn resistance to accepting responsibility for decisions and to his intimacy with his maker.

He creates a comedy in its truest meaning, for he is a man who can look at himself in perspective and find himself a human being neither great nor small, and he can laugh at himself."

**APARTMENTS NEEDED**

We again appeal to our members to help us in a very important matter. In order for our Ritual Director and Cantor to fulfill their functions with us, it is necessary for them to live near the Synagogue. If you know of any apartments that are available in the neighborhood, please contact the Synagogue office, SA 2-0800.

**JEWRY DUTY**

Kehilath Jeshurun has pioneered in many phases of Jewish life, however, one of its most unique efforts has been the system of Jewry Duty.

For a long time it has been apparent that the institution of daily services, so basic to religious Judaism, was slowly losing ground in the American Jewish community. Synagogues have tried various ways to maintain the daily service.

We believe that the best way is for every member of Kehilath Jeshurun to consider it his moral duty to serve the cause of religious Jewry by preserving the institution of the daily "Minyan". This means that each member volunteers to appear a certain number of days during the year at the daily morning service. In this way he will derive satisfaction for himself, help maintain the Minyan for others and by so doing contribute to its perpetuation for all Israel.

We are happy to announce that those who are serving Jewry duty this week are Mr. Harry W. Baumgarten, Mr. Maurice Finkelstein and Mr. Eugene Hollander. Our volunteers for next week are Mr. Hyman I. Bucher, Mr. Oscar Perlberger and Mr. Ira F. Weisman.

**CONDOLENCE**

We record with sorrow the passing of the beloved mother of our esteemed member, Mr. Reuben Popkin. Mr. Popkin is sitting Shiva in New Orleans. Our heartfelt sympathies are extended to the members of the bereaved family. We pray that the Almighty spare them further sorrow for many years to come.

**1954 YEAR BOOK WIDELY ACCLAIMED**

As we approach the time when we will soon launch our 1955 Year Book, we think it fitting to mention the unusual reception given our 1954 Year Book.

For many years now we have become used to highly successful Year Books that have been favorably received. Our 1954 volume not only continues in this tradition but also possesses several unique features.

In its format it is similar to its predecessor. It contains articles of interest to members of the Congregation and its affiliates as well as to the general reader and the historian of the future. Of special interest is the article written by Rabbi Lookstein, "Synagogue Year In Review", which summarizes all that transpired in Kehilath Jeshurun during the year 1953-1954. Events ranging from our religious services, our Educational and Youth activities, to a roster of the Bar Mitzvahs and Marriages that took place in our Synagogue, are all recorded in this informative article.

Another item by the Rabbi of unusual interest is his article "Religious

Procedures at Kehilath Jeshurun", in which he describes those religious procedures which over the years have evolved into an official pattern of worship in our Synagogue. This record follows in the tradition of the "Pinkas" which were records of religious procedures kept by many Jewish Communities on the European continent.

**Pictorial Album Features  
"Art of Israel" —**

As in the past, our pictorial album was divided into two sections. The first consisted of "shots" taken during special occasions. It showed in visual terms some of the many activities that take place during the year at our synagogue.

The second section is usually devoted to some area of Jewish culture. This year it features an "Art of Israel" folio which consists of reproductions of fourteen painting masterpieces from Israel. The reproductions are magnificent and a source of deep pleasure to all who behold them. Many of the

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**A HIT SHOW IS YOURS FOR THE ASKING**

Clifford Odets'

"The Flowering Peach"

With Menashe Skulnick

Men's Club Theatre Party

Monday Evening, December 20th

For Reservations Call SA 2-0800 or Chairmen  
Hyman I. Cohen      Frank Goodman      Maurice N. Jaffe



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Mrs. Hyman Abrams ..... Pres., Sisterhood

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES****FRIDAY**

Lighting of Candles ..... 4:10  
Evening ..... 4:20

**SATURDAY**

Morning ..... 9:00  
Junior Congregation ..... 10:30  
Weekly Portion: Toledot,  
Genesis 25:19 - 28:9  
Haftorah: Malachi 1:1 - 2:7  
Evening ..... 4:00  
Conclusion of Sabbath ..... 5:05

**SUNDAY**

Morning ..... 8:30  
Father-and-Son Minyan ..... 9:30

**DAILY**

Morning ..... 7:30  
Evening ..... 4:20

**Yahrzeits****November**

28—MORRIS BRANDMAN  
28—SARAH LEX  
29—BEATRICE ROBBINS  
30—NATHAN HUTKOFF

**December**

1—SAMUEL KLEIN  
2—FLORENCE LAYE  
3—MINNIE BECK  
3—MAURICE BRETZFIELD  
3—SOLOMON BERK

**1954 YEAR BOOK**

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laudatory letters we received commended this section of the Year Book.

Those who read the volume carefully can learn a great deal about Kehilath Jeshurun from the articles and reports by the president, and the heads of our Men's Club, Sisterhood, Religious School and Adult Institute.

Our members were again pleased with the recording of Yahrzeit dates for the coming year in the section devoted to the Jewish Calendar. In this section, there appear brief interpretations of the holidays as well as a "history" of the Jewish calendar and how it differs from the general calendar. Then, too, on a page devoted to each month, are listed the Yahrzeits of deceased parents of our members for that particular month. The calendar pages continue until Rosh Hashanah of 1955.

An innovation this year that was very favorably received was the listing of donors in a way that was more in keeping with the dignity of the Year Book.

In all, the 1954 Year Book represents another link in the long chain of synagogue projects of which we may well be proud. From the literary and artistic standpoints, it leaves little to be desired.

Mr. Theodore Comet was the editor of the 1954 Year Book and he was ably assisted by Miss Shirley Levittan.

**Educational Scholarship Fund  
Benefitted by Year Book —**

We would like to repeat here a point we have been making for a long time. None of the proceeds from the Year Book goes to the synagogue. The sole recipient is the Educational Scholarship Fund which supplies funds for scholarships to the Ramaz School, the afternoon Religious School, summer vacations for needy children and College assistance.

We would here like to thank the chairman of our Year Book, Mr. Jules Podell, for assuming the leadership of this important project and for carrying on for so many years his successful Year Book leadership. Thanks also go to those who gave of their time and effort to secure ads and to those who responded.

**A CHILD'S WORLD**

The children in the youngest class were told the story of the Garden of Eden and were asked to draw their conception of the story. One of the youngsters drew a large limousine with a white haired, bearded man in the front seat and a young couple in the back. When asked to explain what she was drawing, the young girl replied, "This is the story you told us. It shows God driving Adam and Eve out of the Garden of Eden".

**WITHIN OUR FAMILY****Birthdays —**

Many happy returns of the day to Mr. A. Phillip Goldsmith, Mr. Benjamin Gottesman, Mr. Herman Odell and Dr. Judah Zizmor.

**Bar Mitzvah —**

A hearty Mazel Tov to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Roshwalb on the occasion of the Bar Mitzvah of their son, Barry, this Saturday. Barry is a pupil at our Ramaz School.

**Anniversaries —**

A happy Wedding Anniversary to Mr. and Mrs. Hermann Merkin, Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Schimel and Mr. and Mrs. Elliot W. Siegel.

**Article Published —**

We are very happy to report that our esteemed member, Mr. Isidore Grossman, had an article "The Jewish Contribution to the New York Clothing Industry" published in the November, 1954 issue of the Jewish Forum magazine.

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